January 16th, 1983

Mr. S. Robert Powell
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Dear Mr. Powell;

It is with regret that I must tell you that I will be unable to attend the meeting of the Carondale Historical Society on February 3rd. That evening I expect to be in Brunswick, Georgia, after driving from Emporia, Va. Brunswick is the place where we hole up at the end of the second day of driving to Bradenton Beach, Fla. We'll be at B. B. until the end of March.

I've already written to Paul Starzer about the tour the local historical society is planning for Saturday October 8th. This tour will be the last of six to be made this summer and fall. The tour will take us to Hancock; then down the east side of the Delaware to Lackawaxen where the tour members will view the bridge built as an aqueduct to carry the Delaware and Hudson Canal across the Delaware River and the Zane Grey home and museum. Then it will be on to Hawley, Honesdale, lunch at the Fireside Restaurant, and on to Carondale. In my letter to Paul I asked him to arrange to have the tour members met by a delegation of Carondale Historical Society members, at the monument in Gravity Park.

The primary purpose of the tour is to provide tour members the opportunity to see the place where steam railroading began in this hemisphere, the building where Lincoln's nomination was planned, and the route of the Gravity Railroad between Honesdale and Carondale. Railroad interest is very high in this city. Elmira was, for many years, a "railroad town" served by five roads: the Erie, D. L. & W., Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley, and the Tioga Railroad. We fully expect that the tour will be sold out long before October 8th. I'm to be Der Spieler on the tour.

It's possible that I may stop in Carondale on the way home from Florida. I'll cerddinly be down just before Decoration Day. Hope to see you then.

Sincerely yours,

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